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MRS. GRAYSON FLASHES WORD OF MISHAP

HICKMAN'S SUICIDE TWICE PREVENTED; ON HIS WAY SOUTH

Kidnaper Tries to Choke
Self and Dash Head
Against Floor.

PICTURE OF MISERY EN ROUTE TO TRAIN

Large, Good-Natured Crowd
at Pendleton on Hand to
See Departure.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—William Edward Hickman, in custody of Los Angeles officials, arrived at the Portland police station at 6:10 p. m. He was taken from the train a few miles east of Portland and was rushed to the police station by automobile.

Aboard Union Pacific Train, the Dalles, Ore., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Something like wartime mystery, reminiscent of historic "Somewhere in France," today characterized the movements of the train bearing William Edward Hickman to his destination in Los Angeles, where he will answer for the kidnaping and killing of 12-year-old Marian Parker.

This was indicated by precautions to keep secret the movements of the Southern Pacific train to which the special car carrying Hickman is to be transferred, Los Angeles bound.

Plans for handling Hickman when the train approaches Los Angeles have not been announced. It was intimated that that procedure might not be decided upon until a few minutes before actual arrival there. Arrangements were made to spirit Hickman into Portland in order to avoid crowds at the Union Depot.

Back-Tracking Own Trail.

Back-tracking the trail he followed in his flight across the wide open spaces of Oregon, Hickman was speeding today, in custody of Los Angeles officials, to face charges of kidnaping and murder. Broken in spirit, his self-assurance gone, Hickman cowered in a compartment of a special car, crowded with officials, detectives and newspaper correspondents.

Leaning heavily on the manacles by which he was attached to the wrists of two stalwart detectives, the stooped figure of the youth, his face pallid and his long hair awry, made a picture of abject misery as he was led from the jail to a bus and from the bus to the train.

A big crowd gathered at the station at Pendleton to witness the departure. It was a good-natured, curious crowd filled with the genial spirit of Christmas, and it expressed its feeling in congratulating the two Pendleton officers who captured Hickman last Thursday. The officers, Chief of Police Tom Gurdane, of Pendleton, and Clyde "Buck" Llewellyn, State traffic officer, were on the train en route to Los Angeles, and were given a rousing send-off.

Hickman and the kidnaping of little Marian Parker and the fateful dismemberment of her body, were secondary considerations with the crowd.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline and Inspectors Raymond and Lucas, of the Los Angeles police department, were escorted with Hickman during the first part of the journey.

Twice Tries to End Life.

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—William Edward Hickman, charged with kidnaping and killing Marian Parker in Los Angeles, made two attempts to end his life just before being taken from the jail here today.

First he attempted to strangle himself with a handkerchief, then he tried to dive head first from his bunk to dash his head against the concrete floor.

Around from the lethargy that had gripped him for hours, Hickman threw an orange to the top of his cell, then took his Bible, tore the leaves from it and scattered them on the floor. He asked for a handkerchief which was handed to him by a guard. Hickman quickly knotted it about his throat, pulling the ends tightly. The guard, Doug Gurdane, rushed to the cell door and before he could unlock it, Hickman was struggling.

No sooner had he composed himself than he climbed to an upper bunk and tried to dive on his head. He was caught around the waist by Gurdane.

Crowd Sees Departure.

When Hickman was placed on a special coach for his trip back to Los Angeles a crowd of 1,500 persons had gathered to see him. His long hair streamed about his forehead, his eyes were heavy and a deadly pallor was on his face.

As he walked from the bus to the coach he was supported by two officers. Dick Lucas and Harry Raymond, detective lieutenants of Los Angeles, to whom he was handcuffed.

It was a bedraggled and fearful Hickman who was taken from his cell at 10:55 o'clock this morning and loaded into a bus for the trip to the depot. Years ran down the cheeks of the 19-year-old youth and an expression of pain was on his face as cameramen with drunken Indians fighting in his cell throughout the night, Hickman

Historic Greer Mansion In Ruins From Blaze

Spark Ignites Moss Covered Roof; Firemen's Two-Mile
Line of Hose Futile; Most of Contents Lost,
But Flames Cook Chickens.

Two tottering brick chimneys are all that remain today of the historic 150-year-old Greer colonial homestead, situated on the Wilson boulevard, near Falls Church, Va., following a fire discovered shortly after noon yesterday.

The structure was occupied by the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Leake, who operate the Upton Hill Dairy Farm on the spacious acres. The flames seriously threatened other buildings before burning themselves out.

When the fire, apparently from a spark, broke out on the roof of the frame structure, once the home of Col. John S. Mosby, famous Confederate cavalry leader, Mrs. Leake was in the kitchen, placing two large chickens on the stove in preparation for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Leake was in the rear yard, feeding the hogs. Four children, Inez, 20; Lucille, 18; Clifford, 16; Jesse, 14, and two grandchildren, Edward Back, 8, and his sister, Mildred, 5 years old, were in the parlor of the home, playing with the toys Santa Claus just a few hours before had brought them.

Looking up from his chores, Mr. Leake saw flames leaping from the

roof. He shouted a startled warning of "Fire! Fire!" Rushing into the home, Mr. Leake called to his family to grab what they could and get out. They did—a few pictures, an old family organ, two small bureaus and some bed clothing.

The old moss-covered roof, that so successfully had withstood the elements of 150 years, was easy prey for the flames. Mr. Leake and his older children had just left the second floor of the house with the few articles they managed to save. When the flames gave vent to a stifling hiss, the old rafters of the roof buckled and the roof of the building crashed.

Meantime volunteer firemen, with apparatus from Falls Church, Potomac, Cherrystone, Arlington, Clarendon and Ballston, Va., had arrived. Their hoses stretched a distance of more than two miles from a nearly dry stream of water to the burning home. Their efforts to save the structure were futile.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Leake, huddled closely together, watched the flames leap from the roof.

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12 INJURED WHEN AUTOS CRASH IN AND NEAR CITY

Automobile Is Sideswiped on
Highway Bridge by Car;
Driver Flees.

Christmas traffic mishaps yesterday injured twelve persons.

James R. Garner, 23 years old, 829 Seventh street southwest, suffered a grave spine injury, and Mrs. E. H. Evans, 40 years old, 1615 Kenyon street northwest, suffered a broken rib when the automobile in which they were riding was in collision with another car, driven by George A. Norris, 29 years old, of Glen Carlyn, Va., at Fifteenth and K streets northwest.

Both were treated at Emergency Hospital. Norris was taken into custody by Third Precinct police to await the outcome of the injuries, and was later released in custody of an attorney.

Three persons were injured in a crash between two automobiles on the Virginia side of the Highway Bridge. The injured were Mrs. Virginia Garver, 20 years old, lacations on the head; John Garver, 20 years old, of 621 Third street northwest, scalp and face lacerations, and Thomas Colwell, 28 years old, 334 H street northwest, cut on the head.

They were riding in a car driven by Garver, according to police, and the vehicle was sideswiped by a car, the driver of which fled. The fire department rescue squad was called to aid the injured, who were taken to Emergency Hospital.

Three persons were injured last night in a collision between two automobiles.

GERMAN SHIPS TO USE PLANES FOR LANDING

North German Lloyd Service
May Be Extended to Wash-
ington and Chicago.

Special to The Washington Post.
New York, Dec. 25.—The first step in the linking of airplanes to ocean liners, which was taken when the American Line experimented with the idea of taking the mail to and from liners with Clarence Chamberlain's little plane, is now to be extended to transporting passengers from ports of arrival to interior destinations. The North German Lloyd Line announced today that it would connect at Bremerhaven with the Lufthansa airplane company's planes so that passengers from New York could go direct to Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Leipzig or Dresden.

It is the intention of the line to confine the experiment to the Columbus the flagship of the North German Lloyd, until its utility is fully developed. Three-motored Junker planes will be used. The initiative taken by the German company is expected to be followed on this side until passengers from incoming ships can be landed at Boston, Philadelphia or Washington in almost continuous passage. With the service once established to the eastern cities from New York, the steamship officials will next take on the idea of extending the service to Chicago.

Banker's Son Called
Hit-and-Run Killer

Chicago, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Norman W. Harris, 34, a son of Albert W. Harris, Chicago banker, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter last night after his automobile struck and killed Mrs. Elizabeth Donner, 50. Witnesses told the police that Harris attempted to escape after the accident.

He was released under \$25,000 bonds supplied by his father.

6 BURNED TO DEATH IN HOPEWELL HOTEL FIRE, POLICE BELIEVE

Midnight Blaze Razes
Grand Central, Where
50 Guests Lodged.

RUINS ARE SEARCHED FOR MISSING PERSONS

Register and Records Lost in
Flames; St. Elmo and
Theater Catch Fire.

Special to The Washington Post.
Hopewell, Va., Dec. 25.—Six persons are believed to have lost their lives early this morning when fire destroyed the Grand Central Hotel, principal hotel of the town. Several persons were injured and the police and fire departments late today searched the ruins for the bodies of the six who are reported missing.

The hotel register and records were lost in the fire, and this made it impossible tonight to throw light as to who might have lost their lives.

A tentative list of those unaccounted for included Charles Coker and Luther Hammond, of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. Maude, of South Carolina; a Virginian named Ridenbush, and a man named Sanborn from Massachusetts. Hotel officials said they believed there had been about 50 guests in the hotel when the fire started shortly after midnight.

Other Buildings Damaged.

The flames spread from the Grand Central to the St. Elmo Hotel and the Strand Theater adjoining, but damage to both structures was slight.

Of undetermined origin, the flames quickly gained headway through the three stories of the Grand Central. Guests on the second floor were able to make their way down the stairways, but firemen were called on to rescue virtually all of the guests housed on the third floor.

Fire Chief Cuddihy, of Hopewell, called on apparatus from Petersburg, which was rushed here. With the combined efforts of this apparatus and Hopewell equipment the flames were prevented from gaining headway out of the hotel.

Walls Fall to Ground.

The front and a side wall of the structure tumbled to the ground while firemen were fighting the flames, but all firemen had withdrawn from the danger zone before the walls toppled.

Immediately after the flames died down, Chief Cuddihy led a squad of his men into the wreckage in an effort to find the bodies of those reported missing. Up to a late hour tonight none had been found.

The hotel was valued at \$20,000.

Soldier, Never Absent In 30 Years, Retires

Special to The Washington Post.
West Point, N. Y., Dec. 25.—At the end of 30 years of continuous service in the Army, during which he had never been absent from duty, Sergeant Albert Blechner was retired today on a pension at the United States Military Academy here.

He enlisted October 21, 1897, and has been stationed at West Point for many years.

Russell T. Scott's Widow Is Remarried

Chicago, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Mrs. Florence Scott, widow of Russell T. Scott, who escaped the gallows five times in three years of court battling on a charge of killing in connection with an alleged robbery, has remarried. She married William Cook, Chicago accountant.

Scott committed suicide in Cook County jail two months ago while awaiting an insanity hearing. Mrs. Scott worked tirelessly in behalf of Scott while he was in jail. One time she fasted thirty days in Detroit to raise funds for Scott's defense.

5 Killed, 4 Are Wounded In Feud Battle of Police

Clash Between Tennessee County and City Officers
Climaxed by Street Fight—Sheriff and Marshal
Are Among Those Who Lose Lives.

South Pittsburgh, Tenn., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Five officers were killed and one probably fatally wounded and three others less seriously wounded during a gun battle on the main street here tonight.

The battle was declared to have been the culmination of bad feeling between county officers of Marion County and police officers of South Pittsburgh. The actual shooting lasted less than 15 minutes, witnesses declared.

The dead are Wash Coppling, sheriff

of Marion County, Tenn.; L. A. Hennessy, a deputy sheriff; Ben Parker, former sheriff and marshal of South Pittsburgh; Elwing Smith, city marshal of South Pittsburgh, and O. H. Larrowe, a special policeman.

James Conner, a deputy city marshal here, was believed fatally wounded.

Three other officers, John Holden, a deputy city marshal here; Paulette Nelson, a deputy sheriff, and Charles Pittman, a deputy sheriff, were wounded.

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CAPITAL YULETIDE, LED BY COOLIDGES, KEEPS SANTA BUSY

Dinner at White House Is
Preceded by the Old
Church Services.

18,000 CITY CHILDREN GUESTS AT THEATERS

Stanley-Crandall Companies
Hosts Today; Show for
Boys; Other Gayety.

Christmas dawned on happy scenes and merry faces in Washington yesterday, but the jovial features of an old, old man in scarlet garments and a tasseled cap, showed signs of weariness as he silently sped northward in his giant frosted plane. Old Santa had passed a busy night.

Holiday spirit pervaded the city, and "Merry Christmas" was the watchword of the day. Joyous children romped about their homes with treasured toys, customary gifts were exchanged by their elders, and season's greetings freely passed. Christmas had come to Washington.

White House observance of the Yule season was typical of that in a million homes throughout the land. The President rose at 7. Following exchange of gifts with Mrs. Coolidge and his son, the family breakfasted at 8. The rest of the early morning was passed in opening hundreds of gifts received from all sections of the country.

Attorney General Stewart was the only guest at Christmas dinner in the private dining room.

Her Dr. Pierce Preach.

In common with thousands of other residents, the President and his family attended church services at 11. For the first Sunday in eighteen months he heard the Rev. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce preach from his pulpit in the First Congregational Church, which has been under repair since condemnation proceedings nearly two years ago. "The Word Became Flesh" was the pastor's text.

Special programs were presented in all of Washington's churches, with carol singing and appropriate sermons. Dawn of the Yule season found Washington deserted by many of the official set. Vice President Dawes passed the holiday with his family in Evanston, Ill., and four members of the Cabinet preferred to leave the Capital. Yesterday found Secretary Mellon at his home in Pittsburgh; Secretary Work with relatives in Denver; Secretary Wilbur with friends at Wayne, Pa., and Postmaster General New at his Indianapolis home.

The prevailing joyousness and spirit of merriment was tempered somewhat by the drab Christmas passed by some of the more unfortunate, forced to apply for shelter at local charitable institutions. Much was done at such places however, to brighten the outlook of those "down on their luck" by turn of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 5.

MILITIA ORDERED OUT TO PROTECT FUGITIVE

Kentucky Governor Fears Violence if 500 Searchers Find
Shooting Suspect.

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Kentucky National Guardsmen here were ordered tonight by Gov. Fern Sappington to proceed to Wolfpit, Ky., to prevent possible mob violence in event of the capture of a Christmas gift this morning after an all-night sitting. The voluminous document had to be taken back and forth between the chamber and senate six times before it finally was approved.

More than 500 men were searching for Mitchell. He was believed to have taken refuge in a mine near Wolfpit, but had not been captured tonight.

Huston Davis, a second negro, said to have been with Mitchell at the time of the shooting, was arrested, and held in jail at Wolfpit. Davis was captured in the attic of his home after an all-day search. The shooting "was said to have followed an argument between the two men.

Indian Woman, 108, Made Happy by Pipes

Batavia, N. Y., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Santa Claus was good today to Nancy Miller Black Squirrel, 108, oldest resident on the Tonawanda Indian reservation here.

Two pipes and a cigar from a box of cigars all had to be kept alight at the same time, while a black bear skin neckpiece and a blanket nightgown had to be donned as soon as Saint Nick's bag was unloaded.

Fall Kills a Father In Decorating Tree

Philadelphia, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The Christmas tree that William Wilson, 37, brought home to gladden the hearts of his two youngsters was the cause of his death. While he was decorating the tree a ladder slipped and he fell.

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Navy Is Unable to Trace Report of Plane Rescue

Rumors Say That U. S. Destroyer Has Picked Up Mrs.
Grayson and Crew of the Dawn—Radio
Bases Get No Confirmation.

Portland, Me., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—A report circulated here tonight that Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her three companions in the Dawn had been picked up by a destroyer, could not be established as a fact, after communication with several established bases.

The United States naval radio station at Cape Elizabeth reported at 10:45 o'clock that its efforts, carried on up and down the coast to various points, including Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, had failed to bring forth any further news from the amphibian plane and its four flyers.

A similar report was made by officials at the United States radio station at Bar Harbor.

U. S. TROOPS COMBAT GREAT FIRE IN TIENTSIN

Gen. Butler Leads Marines
and Other Forces Against
Standard Oil Blaze.

Entire City Is Lighted

Tientsin, China, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, commander of the United States Marines here, today was credited with holding down destructiveness of the most spectacular fire in the history of Tientsin. The fire nearly destroyed the \$25,000,000 plant of the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

Gen. Butler personally directed the sea soldiers and Chinese, British, French and Italian fire brigades in fighting the blaze yesterday and last night.

The first engineers and marines on the scene threw up dirt barricades, which, with the aid of the wind, saved the oil tanks. There are six 8,000-gallon tanks, and it was feared that they might explode, causing widespread destruction.

The Marines performed many acts of heroism. They carried out a large portion of the marine brigade's gasoline supplies, which were stored in the Socony plant. They were guarding the plant tonight.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it followed upon the explosion of a Chinese ammunition dump and two large fires in the British concession the night before last, evoking theories of an incendiary campaign. The Standard Oil fire broke out in the company's candle factory, where thousands of tons of paraffin wax in wood cases burned all day yesterday and practically all night.

Huge clouds of black smoke overhung the city, which was lurid from the flames after darkness fell.

The entire third brigade of the United States Marines under Butler labored heroically in removing cases of oil and other inflammables from an adjoining warehouse and in building a fire wall between the factory and the menaced warehouse while the fire brigades devoted their efforts to localizing the flames and preventing their spread toward the oil tanks 70 yards away.

Peking, China, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—A telephone call from Tientsin today said the fire in the Standard Oil Co. plant at Tientsin was under control this morning.

First estimates of the loss are that it will be between five and ten million dollars gold.

French Deputies Vote Budget for Next Year

Paris, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The chamber of deputies presented Premier Poincaré the 1928 budget as a Christmas gift this morning after an all-night sitting. The voluminous document had to be taken back and forth between the chamber and senate six times before it finally was approved.

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SABLE ISLAND RADIO STATION GETS BRIEF MESSAGE OF AIRSHIP

Something Gone Wrong,
Is Wireless at 9:45 on
Sunday Night.

STORM INTERFERENCE STOPS FURTHER TALK

Mrs. Goldsborough Spends
Her Last Money Sending
Out Search Plane.

FLIER SEES NO TRACES OF MISSING QUARTET

Reports From Along Coast
Negative; England and
Ireland Expect Aero.

Halifax, N. S., Monday, Dec. 26 (A.P.).—The Canadian government's wireless station at Sable Island reported early today that it was in communication with Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson's missing plane, the Dawn.

At 1:15 a. m. C. H. Harvey, marine and fisheries agent, gave out the following message received from the government wireless station at Sable Island:

"At 9:45 p. m., Eastern standard time, heard aircraft saying that something had gone wrong, but could not get her owing to storm interference."

"At 10:45 p. m., nothing heard from her," the message continued. "Particulars of signals, interrupted continuous wave, 625-meter wave length, call sign WJWU."

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—A search of the coast near Cape Ray, made after railway employees reported seeing wreckage of an airplane, failed to reveal any trace of airplane wreckage, railway authorities said tonight.

The search was made to determine whether the wreckage might be that of the missing Sikorsky amphibian plane, Dawn, in which Mrs. Frances W. Grayson and a crew of three hopped off from New York for Harbor Cape Friday.

Winston Makes Search.

Curtiss Field, N. Y., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The plane sent out to search for Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her crew of three, missing in the Sikorsky amphibian plane, Dawn, which hopped off Friday for Harbor Cape, Newfoundland, returned here tonight after flying beyond Cape Cod, Mass., along the supposed course of the Grayson plane and reported that no trace of the missing fliers had been found.

William Winston, pilot, and Steve Parkinson, observer, in the searching plane reported good visibility for their search, but said they suffered from the cold.

They suggested that a land search be made on Cape Cod on the possibility that the plane had been forced down in some isolated spot on the cape and that Mrs. Grayson and her crew had been unable to make their way to a town.

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Mrs. Frances W. Grayson and her three companions in the amphibian plane, the Dawn, still were unreported tonight, more than 45 hours after the twin motors were last heard over Cape Cod. Rescue efforts had produced no encouragement.

The plane took off from Roosevelt Field last Friday evening for Harbor Cape, Newfoundland.

Mrs. Brice Goldsborough, wife of the radio operator-navigator on board The Dawn, early this morning dispatched a Curtiss amphibian plane piloted by William Winston to a search for the New England coast to Cape Cod. Winston took a supply of emergency food with him and was instructed to make a careful search of the coast and to proceed out to sea a few miles at Cape Cod in the event he discovered trace of the missing fliers.

Spends Her Last Money.

Mrs. Goldsborough tonight said to charter the searching plane and today she had spent the \$500 of her cash which her husband had given her. Now she found herself, virtually at the end of her resources to continue the search in a helpless condition, in view of the fact that no outside aid had been offered by individuals or agencies to search for the missing plane.

An effort was being made tonight to enlist the assistance of the coast guard to have patrol boats sent to the coast. Cooperation of government also was being sought. The coast of Nova Scotia and the water jump from Newfoundland.

Friends of Mrs. Grayson tonight were sending out \$5,000 for which Mrs. Agee and financial backer of the search to carry out the search.

The searching on the mainland with out with instruction.

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CAPITAL CHURCHES OBSERVE NATIVITY WITH OLDEN SONGS

"Adeste Fidelis" Given at St. Margaret's at Mid-night Service.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" GIVEN AT HAMLINE M. E.

Covenant Choir Renders Old Carols; First Baptist Gives Pageant.

From the choirs of practically every Christian shrine of worship in the city—pompous cathedral and humble chapel—joyful strains of inspiring Nativity carols poured forth yesterday in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ child.

"Adeste Fidelis," an old carol whose age is lost in antiquity, George Handel's celestial "Messiah" and many other classical compositions which have reached the souls of Christians with their flights of joy, were sung yesterday by soloists, quartets, choirs or congregations of every Washington church. Christmas songs of the tenth to fourteenth centuries, some of which had never before been sung in America, comprised the musical program of special services held by the French congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon. The French choir, which rendered the ancient carols, was composed of 25 soloists, including the following: Lawrence Lee, A. Harlan Castle, Mme. Madeleine Dobbins and Miss Amelle Garet.

Musical libraries of Paris, New York and Washington were searched for many months in an effort to obtain the old and authentic French Christmas songs, and those sung yesterday were culled from the tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The songs were sung partly in French and partly in Provencal dialect as originally written. The program included "Salut Blanche Ettoile," considered by many musicians as the finest translation that has ever been made of the old original "Adeste Fidelis."

Church Choir Programs. At St. Margaret's Church "Adeste Fidelis" was rendered as a procession, along with other classical Christmas songs, at a special midnight service and as the star morning "ship."

The First Methodist Episcopal Church choir sang Handel's Messiah at the morning service, concluding with the "Hallelujah" chorus. Two groups of old Christmas songs and instrumental numbers were presented at the evening services at the church of the Covenant, by the church quartet and Elsie Shannon, Richard Lorberg, violinist, and a Harvey Murray, organ. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor, gave a brief Christmas interpretation in connection with the service.

A special Christmas musical program was given at both the morning and evening services yesterday at the National Baptist Memorial Church, by a choir of 30, assisted by the quartet of the church composed of Frances T. Farrar, soprano; Edith M. White, contralto; Harvey T. Towson, tenor; and Robert E. Kline, Jr., bass. Emily Dickinson, organist, directed the choir.

All departments of the First Baptist Sunday School met in the Sunday school auditorium yesterday morning for the presentation of a pageant, and special Christmas music by the Sunday school orchestra of 20 instruments conducted by Harry Greenfield.

The pageant, "No Room in the Inn," was participated in by the intermediate, junior, primary and beginners' departments of the Sunday school, assisted by an inviolable choir of 20 voices.

Yuletide to Continue
At Y. W. C. A. All Week

Christmas social activities will continue in full swing at the Young Women's Christian Association's building during the entire holiday week, and will culminate with a big "Y. W. C. A. dance at the Blue Triangle Hut Friday night. The New Year will be observed at the main K street building by the board of directors of the association, who will hold an "at home" next Monday from 4 until 6 o'clock.

One of the big affairs planned is a Christmas party to the children in the Gospel Mission, to be given by the Amelita Club Tuesday evening in the main Y. W. C. A. building on K street. At the same time there is to be a tree party for the children on the Central

CHRISTMAS TREE WINS NAVAL HOSPITAL PRIZE



Christmas tree in Ward H-2 of the Naval Hospital which was awarded the prize given for the best decorated in the hospital. This is the third year in which ward H-2 has won the six-pound box of candy given as the prize by the Red Cross. Hospital-Corpsman A. O. Levesque and Miss K. Moore, the ward nurse, are standing beside the tree.

Union Mission, at the Elizabeth Somers, Eleventh and M streets. Other events at the various centers of the Y. W. C. A. this week include the Amelita Club dance on Wednesday at the Blue Triangle Hut, and a tea on Thursday afternoon at the main building, with the industrial department as hostesses, and with guests including many prominent industrial women.

Beginning Monday, January 2, the regular weekly schedule will be resumed at all centers of the Young Women's Christian Association in the city.

Christmas in London Made Gloomy by Rain

London, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The weather prophet who promised England a snow white Christmas of the Dickens type was the most unpopular fellow in the Empire today for it rained nearly all day. Christmas is a quiet, indoor holiday for most of the people of England, but as it fell on Sunday this year, great crowds turned out and filled the cathedrals and churches to overflowing. Tomorrow is "boxing day," known as such because the dustman, postman, newsboy and many others, carry collection boxes from door to door to get their annual reward for having rendered faithful service.

Chimes of "Big Ben" Are Heard in Sydney

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—The chimes of "Big Ben," in Westminster, were clearly heard by hundreds of radio listeners in Sydney and throughout Australia early this morning. The general broadcasting program, however, was disappointing because of the unsuitable hour, 1:15 a. m. to 2 a. m. As "Big Ben" chimed 4 o'clock in London, local chimes rang out 2 o'clock in Sydney.

Wednesday morning at

The Meyer's Shop
begins its important

ANNUAL
JANUARY
CLEARANCE
SALE

With Reductions in
Every Department.
Wednesday Morning's Post.

Meyer's Shop
Everything Men Wear.
1331 F Street

7 Royal Exiles in Prayers
To Regain Hapsburg Rule

Children of Former Empress of Austria Hold Mid-
night Memorial for Dead Father—Showered
With Gifts, Many Are Saved.

Lequillo, Spain, Dec. 23 (A.P.)—While other children throughout the world were hanging up their stockings last night in anticipation of the coming of Santa Claus, seven little royal exiles here, children of the former Empress Zita of Austria, were holding services in memory of their father and for the return of the Hapsburg monarchy.

As on each Christmas Eve since their father's death, the little former Archdukes Rudolf, Felix, Karl, and Rudolf donned robes and chanted the litany while the young former Archduchesses Adelheid, Charlotte and Elizabeth knelt in the center of a dimly lighted miniature chapel adjoining Zita's cottage. With their dear, widowed mother, they also prayed for the safe return of their brother, young King Otto, who is spending Christmas with his uncle at Luxembourg. Not only his little brothers, Karl's death has Zita spent such a sad Christmas, for without the youthful

CHRISTMAS WINNERS AT CITY MISSIONS

Central Union Entertains 250 With Food and Shelter for Night.

SALVATION ARMY STAFF WILL BANQUET TODAY

Isaac Gans Follows Custom of Giving 100 Overcoats to Poor Boys.

Driven by cold and hunger a tattooed army of homeless men—the city's unemployed—appeared yesterday at charitable missions and other institutions asking only for food and a place to sleep. None was turned away.

Christmas dinners, consisting of roast pork, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, peas, coffee and bread and butter, were served to approximately 250 men at the Central Union Mission last night. Every bed in the institution which can shelter about 250 persons, was reserved soon after night fall.

Following a religious service, breakfast was served to approximately 200 men at the Central Union Mission last night. The breakfast, prepared especially for Christmas, consisted of oatmeal with sugar and cream, yeast loaf, bread and butter and coffee. All of the 180 beds in the Mission were filled last night.

No concession was made to the Christmas spirit at the Municipal Lodging house. The usual dinner of a stew, coffee, bread and butter was served to 40 men. Thirty of the beds were empty at 10 o'clock last night.

Christmas services were held for the poor last night at each of the six Salvation Army centers. Scores of the organization's workers will be entertained by the official staff at 5 o'clock this afternoon at 1025 Jefferson street northwest, when they will be thanked for their assistance in Christmas relief work.

Following a custom he has observed for years, Isaac Gans, member of the Board of Education and treasurer of Saks & Co., gave away 100 new overcoats to poor boys of the city at his department store yesterday morning.

Christmas Tree Makes Trusty Flee Prison

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Decorating a Christmas tree in the home of Warden Lewis E. Lawes made a trusty inmate of the Sing Sing prison, think of his three children and he started for home today. Within 15 minutes he had been captured by a policeman.

"It was foolish of me, warden," De Salvo said when brought back, "but you know how it is. It is Christmas morning and I have kids of my own. I just felt I had to go."

De Salvo has served 4½ years of a 10 to 20-year sentence for robbery at U and Thirteenth streets northwest.

Police of the Eighth Precinct occupied one car and were answering a robbery alarm at the time of the collision. Mrs. Anna Mary E. Moore, 29, 76 New York avenue northwest; Arthur Moore, 49 years old, 1213 Ingraham street northwest; and Policeman William J. Blaney, 25 years old, of the Eighth Precinct, were injured.

Mrs. Barrett suffered a fractured collar bone and a fractured arm. She was taken to the police car and taken to the hospital. Mrs. Barrett was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Barrett was taken to the hospital.

Arthur Jones, 30 years old, 814 Sixth street northwest, was injured on the head and neck. He was taken to the hospital. Arthur Jones was taken to the hospital.

Albert Thomas, 7 years old, 7200 Blair road northwest, was knocked down by an automobile driven by Dr. James Ash, 7219 Blair road, and bruised on the face and body. Dr. Ash took the lad to Walter Reed Hospital where he was treated.

John Samuel Harley, colored, 70 years old, 2809 Wade road southeast, was knocked down at Nichols avenue and summer road southeast by an automobile driven by Compton Martin, 3315 Nichols avenue southeast.

The injured man was taken to Walter Reed Hospital and treated for internal injuries. According to police, Harley was running across the street and collided with the automobile driven by Martin.

SANTA CLAUS IS BUSY
ALL OF CHRISTMAS DAY

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rate or force of circumstances. Charitable societies and church auxiliaries provided for thousands of the city's poor on Christmas Eve.

Staffs of Washington's hospitals took steps to make the Yuletide a bright one for patients confined in their institutions. Many were decorated with evergreen and holly, and trees were erected in the wards of some.

It is estimated that 13,000 children will be guests this morning at the Christmas shows in the thirteen neighborhood theaters of the Stanley-Crandall Co. Harry M. Crandall, in the role of Santa Claus, will give away 18,000 armfuls of gifts and tons of candy.

Today, tomorrow and Wednesday, orphans and children from asylums will be entertained at special shows in the Metropolitan Theater, and they too will receive candy and toys. On Thursday, a newsboys of five Washington papers will have their special Christmas show.

Nearly all community centers will be closed for the Yuletide season, although two have arranged special programs. A community Christmas party will be given by the Southwest Community Players, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the southeast center in the Hine Junior High School. A Christmas dance will be held at the center Friday night.

"The Old Yule Man," will be presented at the East Washington Friday night, by the East Washington Players. Bea Orlovich, who is directing its production, arranged the story for presentation.

Government workers, whose holiday began after Friday's labor, through President Coolidge's intervention, will continue their holiday today, reporting for duty tomorrow morning.

Chicken's Heart Taken From Woman's Throat

Mrs. Mary Evans, of Bethesda, Md., walked into Georgetown Hospital last night and calmly informed Dr. Walter Biogolski that a heart was lodged in her throat. Examination showed Dr. Biogolski that the passage of her throat was completely blocked by some foreign obstacle.

He began working and found that none of his instruments would dislodge the obstacle without pushing it further down Mrs. Evans' throat. Finally he took a small piece of thin wire and twisted it into a hook. He succeeded in hooking the obstacle and withdrawing it. It was a chicken's heart.

Mrs. Evans explained that as she was eating Christmas dinner in her home, about 6 o'clock, the heart slipped down her throat. It did not affect her windpipe and she was able to breathe and talk without discomfort but was unable to swallow anything. Friends brought her to the hospital.

THIEF TRIES TO CHOKEN
WOMAN IN ROBBERY

Attacks Miss Elsie Shannon, Seizes Two Christmas Packages and Flees.

SUSPECT IS BEING HELD

Miss Elsie Shannon, 605 Butternut street northwest, was attacked and robbed of two Christmas packages with in a block of her home last night by a colored man, who escaped when she made an outcry.

Miss Shannon was returning home from a visit to friends and got off the street car at Eighth and Butternut streets. She had not walked far when the man, approaching her from behind, seized her around the neck, attempted to strangle her and take her packages and pocketbook.

When she struggled to free herself the assailant knocked her down, snatched the packages and fled. Running home, Miss Shannon told her father of the robbery and together they got in an automobile and started on a cruise to try and pick up the man.

At Georgia avenue and Fern street northwest, Miss Shannon pointed out a man who answered the description of her assailant. Police, who had been summoned, placed the suspect under arrest. At the Thirteenth Precinct, he gave his name as Alvin E. Brown, 29 years old, 1409 Thirteenth street northwest, but denied he had robbed Miss Shannon.

MYSTERY CLOUDS MAN
WHO CUT OLD JUNIPER

None in Chevy Chase Will Admit Felling Veteran Community Tree.

With a number of residents of North Chevy Chase, Md., in arms over the felling of an old juniper tree for use in a community Christmas celebration Saturday night, no little George Washington could be found in all of that section yesterday, who would admit having done the deed.

Nearly all who had any part in the arrangements for the Chevy Chase community Christmas celebration could not be located yesterday. State's Attorney Robert E. Fisher, of the Board of Commissioners, who was reported to have promised an investigation of the incident, refused to make any comment.

Dr. Benjamin C. Perry, president of the board of county commissioners, who is said to have granted the citizens' committee permission to cut the juniper, could not be located.

Alex McClure Ashley, division chief of the Department of Agriculture, who headed the citizens' committee on Christmas tree and lighting, lamented the controversy, which he felt marred the spirit in which the celebration was given. He said that the tree, planted by the late Judge James D. Dunlop, was a landmark.

The tree was used in Chevy Chase's first community Christmas celebration.

CENTRAL HIGH ALUMNI
HONOR JONES TONIGHT

West Point Coach Will Show Moving Pictures of Army-Navy Game.

Central High School Alumni tonight will honor Capt. Lawrence M. ("Burr") Jones, U. S. A., former Central football star and now head coach of the Army Football Team, at the annual alumni reunion to be held in the school auditorium.

Under a new plan adopted this year, the Central High School Alumni Association, the largest organized body of high school alumni in the country, has voted to honor annually some alumnus who has particularly distinguished himself during the year. Capt. Jones will be the first guest of honor at the reunion, which is expected to be attended by a thousand or more graduates.

"The Inside Story of the Army-Navy Game" will be related by Capt. Jones, who will use slow motion pictures of the recent score clash and point out plays observed by the casual spectator.

In addition to Capt. Jones' talk, a program has been arranged, including vaudeville acts, music, dancing and refreshments. Officers for the new year will be elected. The nomination committee report will be made by Principal Alvin E. Miller. Maj. Randolph Shaw, president, will preside.

Feast of Lights Ends
At Sundown Tonight

Sundown tonight marks the closing of Chanukkah, the Feast of Lights, celebrated by Washington Jews since last Sunday night. Its observance marked by the burning of candles in homes and synagogues throughout the city. The celebration commemorates the establishment of a temple in Jerusalem in 165 B. C.

Observance of rites associated with the ancient tradition were held in Ohav Sholem Synagogue yesterday afternoon and in Ohav Sholem and Talmud Torah schools as well as the Southwestern Hebrew School, the Uptown Hebrew School and the Hatzgah Club, last night.

W. E. EDMONSTON DEAD AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Retired Capital Business Man, 86 Years Old, Had Been Ill Several Years.

FUNERAL HERE TOMORROW

William E. Edmonston, 86 years old, of 1220 Massachusetts avenue northwest, retired business man, died early yesterday morning in Southport, Conn., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin D. Riegel, who had been visiting. Mr. Edmonston had been in failing health several years.

The body will be brought to this city tomorrow. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will be held at Mr. Edmonston's home here at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Edmonston is survived by a brother, Upton B. Edmonston, two sisters, Mrs. Kate E. Pearson, and Mrs. Mary E. Duane; two daughters, Mrs. Riegel and Mrs. Frances E. Riegel, of this city, and a son, Edgar D. Edmonston, of Baltimore, Md.

From 1887 until 1902 Mr. Edmonston was president of the Columbia Title Insurance Co. When this company merged with the Real Estate Title Co. in 1902, Mr. Edmonston remained as president of the consolidated company, known as the Real Estate and Columbia Title Insurance Co.

Mr. Edmonston, who was prominently identified with various charitable institutions, was for 32 years treasurer of the Washington Orphanage. For 50 years he served in the capacities of general counsel, vice president and president of the Cochran Fire Insurance Co. He was a member of the Chevy Chase Club, Washington Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce.

Before his death Mr. Edmonston was the oldest living member of the District of Columbia Association. He also was a member of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Edmonston was married to Mrs. Edmonston, who was haled and was carried to the bus and taken to the hospital. Dr. Emanuel Friend attributed his death to a basal fracture of the skull. Earlier in the morning Mr. Gray had participated with his family in the exchange of Christmas gifts.

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Of the fourteen appeals, three, namely No. 1, No. 6, and No. 14, have been closed. The remaining eleven need to close the other opportunities.

According to Mr. Ufford, the office of the Associated Charities will be open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the next few days. In case additional checks are received through the mails or the publicity campaign, the fund will be used to help the needy families.

Former Gov. Byrne
Of South Dakota, Dies

San Francisco, Dec. 25 (A.P.)—Frank M. Byrne, 69, former governor of South Dakota, died today at his home here. He came here after poor health forced him to give up his post as State commissioner of agriculture in South Dakota.

Mr. Byrne was born in Volney, Ia., and moved to Dakota Territory before he was of age. He was a member of the Dakota's first senate, in 1890, was later elected governor of South Dakota from 1909 to 1913, and governor from 1913 to 1917. In 1922 he became commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture, holding that post until his health forced him to seek a change of climate.

RITES FOR MRS. A. A. WEAVER.

Funeral of Victim in Fall Will Be Held in Rockville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Ann Weaver, who died Saturday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boswell, of Glen Echo, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockville. Mrs. Weaver died as the result of injuries received several weeks ago in a fall.

Mrs. Weaver is survived by 10 children: Mrs. William Oliver, and Owen Weaver, of this city; Henry and George Weaver, of Rockville; Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Oliver Boswell, and Mrs. Clara Magruder, of Glen Echo, and Mrs. Herbert Burke, of Charlotte, Mich.

Lunch Room Robbed of \$115.

Breaking the glass in the front door of the lunch room at 606 Second street northwest, last night, a robber rifled the cash register and stole \$115.

FIRE RECORD.

1:56 a. m.—Nichols avenue and Holly place southeast; false alarm.

2:58 a. m.—Police squad to Highway bridge; automobile collision.

3:34 a. m.—2417 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; automobile collision.

2:58 a. m.—1836 Fourth street northwest; between 24th and 25th streets; fire.

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7:46 a. m.—2849 Albemarle street northwest; fire.

8:30 a. m.—3800 Connecticut avenue northwest; stove.

9:24 a. m.—Uphar street, near Georgia avenue northwest; automobile.

10:16 a. m.—1345 Valley place southeast; roof.

10:21 a. m.—2511 Twenty-sixth street northwest; chimney.

11:21 a. m.—1636 Kenyon street northwest; boiler.

11:29 a. m.—819 Virginia avenue southwest; fire.

1:15 p. m.—806 Tenth street northwest; furnace.

1:29 p. m.—21 First street southwest; bed.

1:48 p. m.—1709 Seventh street northwest; automobile.

2:47 p. m.—Seventeenth street and Benning road northwest; grass.

3:07 p. m.—Minnesota avenue and Jay street northwest; railroad trestle.

7:13 p. m.—330 M street southwest; office building.

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FROM HORSE YELLOW TAXI PRESIDENT

C. W. Gray, Once Newsboy, Rose From Ranks to Head of Big Corporation.

CRASH FRACTURES SKULL

Special to The Washington Post.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Charles W. Gray, president of the Yellow Taxicab Co., was fatally injured today when he was thrown from his horse while riding with friends in Jackson Park. His skull was fractured and he died while being taken to a hospital. Mr. Gray was 52 years old. The story of the vicissitudes of his career and his rise from a newsboy and a taxicab driver to the presidency of the large corporation is a dramatic romance of business.

The fatal accident occurred, his friends believe, when Mr. Gray mounted, stumbled, falling the saddle to slip to one side. He fell backward out of the saddle, striking his head. The saddle was awry and one stirrup was missing when the horse was caught. Mr. Gray, who had ridden ahead of his companions, A. N. Huttel, treasurer of the Yellow Cab Co., and Robert Berg, a brother-in-law, rounded a turn in the path and disappeared from their view. When his friends rounded the turn they found Mr. Gray lying at the side of the road. The horse was galloping down the path.

A passing motor bus was hailed and was carried to the bus and taken to the hospital. Dr. Emanuel Friend attributed his death to a basal fracture of the skull. Earlier in the morning Mr. Gray had participated with his family in the exchange of Christmas gifts.

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WHERE AMERICA IS WEAK.

The United States Government during the war tried the experiment of operating the railroads of the country. After making all allowances for the diversion of railroad energies into war activities, it is acknowledged that the net results of Government operation were decreased efficiency and enormous losses. The railroads never rendered worse service than during the war. Schedules were demoralized, trains were rarely on time, comforts disappeared, the dining service was execrable, and rates increased. When the roads were turned back to their owners the rolling stock was in bad shape and all other equipment was impaired.

The Government is now trying to operate the Nation's ships. It is doing poor work. The recent scandal in the Shipping Board, which met deserved rebuke from President Coolidge, is no worse than the failure of the board to function efficiently in other directions than the sale of vessels.

The operation of vessels in ocean commerce is a difficult business. There is competition of the hardest kind. Some of the foreign competitors of the United States are in partnership with governments, and can obtain advantages which the United States does not dream of conferring upon American shipowners. Foreign vessels are cheaper to build and cheaper to operate than American vessels. Foreigners work for lower wages than Americans will accept.

The poorest showing made by Americans in their rivalry with foreigners is on the seas. The situation is a reproach to American enterprise and resource.

The Government should retire from the business of operating ships. It should regulate, but not operate, just as it does in railroading. The Shipping Board should be nothing but an interstate and foreign commerce commission, dealing with ships instead of railroads.

The proposal to continue the Government in the shipping business, and to build \$200,000,000 worth of new ships to be operated by the Shipping Board, is a glaring mistake. Private shipowners should build these ships. The Government should help them by equalizing the conditions under which they must meet foreign competition. In return for this help, all ocean shipping under the American flag should belong to the naval reserve, and all their crews should be trained for naval reserve service. Ships and crews should pass under control of the Navy in time of war. The ships should have decks strong enough to carry six-inch gun platforms, and the guns and ammunition should be provided ahead of the time when they may be needed. The crews should be given periodical gun practice under naval instructors.

The Government should require shipowners to maintain passenger, mail and freight routes. Better mail pay should be allowed, with longer contracts. Shipowners who fail to repay loans or maintain routes should lose their ships, which would then be resold to others.

Let Congress study the history of the roads under private and Government operation, and apply the lesson to ships. It is nonsense to say that the United States cannot devise a plan for development of merchant marine under private and Government regulation.

PRODUCING DEAD "BANDITS."

The Texas Bankers Association announced last week that it would pay a \$5,000 reward for every bank bandit killed. It was generally believed that the bandit had been hit upon that would encourage banditry. An unforeseen result has arisen, however, which may lead to the withdrawal of the offer.

Two alleged bank bandits were killed in a third wounded by a deputy sheriff. The wounded man was not a bandit and that he was a member of the bank by the money. On the pretext of supplying the officers instructed to wait in a designated place, the time they had taken

their positions a fire started in a nearby church, the officers appeared, and the shooting started.

The accusation demands immediate investigation. If the story told by the survivor is true, murder has been committed of a particularly cold-blooded and horrible type. Unless the Texas bankers can be sure of the type of peace officers engaged in enforcing the law, they had better withdraw the reward offered for dead bandits.

LET THE NATION TAKE CONTROL.

The problem of Mississippi River control will probably revolve around a single question—that of providing a floodway. The flood of last spring was higher by 1,000,000 cubic feet per second than any previous flood. It was this excess that caused the principal damage.

The proposed floodway from the Arkansas via the Atchafalaya will take care of this 1,000,000 second feet. The existing levee system along the lower Mississippi could probably withstand any flood after 1,000,000 second feet had been diverted to the new floodway.

When it is borne in mind that Niagara Falls carries only 280,000 second feet, the dimensions of the proposed new floodway through Arkansas and Louisiana may be imagined.

The proposed floodway would exempt from further floods a great area in the State of Mississippi. Under the Jadwin plan, the State of Mississippi would be required to contribute largely to the cost of this floodway in other States. Is Mississippi ready to vote bonds or tax itself for this purpose?

Louisiana complains that it is the dumping basin of floods that originate in many other States. It contends that the thirty-one States whose waters swell the Mississippi floods are bound to regard this problem as their own. But Louisiana does agree that a floodway is necessary, no matter who pays for it.

The Mississippi River belongs to the Nation, not to the States. The duty of controlling its floods is a national, not a State duty. The cost of control should be borne by the United States. Then all taxpayers and all States would pay their just share. The problem is not one of reclaiming lands or protecting private property. It is essentially a question of national defense against the savage power of nature. Human life must be defended and saved. No State or combination of Mississippi Valley States can cope with this problem, and no plan that contemplates assessment of part of the burden upon particular States can be made just or equitable. No one could figure out how much Mississippi or Arkansas or any other State should pay. But all of them will pay, in honest proportion, if the work is done and paid for by the Government.

Louisiana should not be taxed extra because it is on the river, and Maine should not escape taxation because it is distant from the river.

Control of this continental river is America's job. No power except the United States Government can successfully keep this river in bounds. Congress should sweep away all futile talk of dividing up this work and peddling it among certain States. Unless the Nation takes control of the Mississippi River it will never be controlled.

COMBINING AGAINST AMERICA.

There can be slight doubt that the lure of the American market and the vigor of American competition abroad are responsible for the economic weapons that foreign countries are sharpening against the United States. Already there have been indications from more than one source that industry in this country is to be subjected to sharp attack, and that greater barriers than those of distance are to be placed in the way of foreign trade.

The latest offensive has been directed toward the motion-picture industry. France is considering a quota law under the terms of which only seven times as many American films may be imported as are produced in France. There is, moreover, talk of an alliance between France, Germany and England with the same idea in view. In all three of these countries there has been continuous agitation against American films. The public has continued, nevertheless, to show a preference for the Hollywood product. The present movement is designed, therefore, to accomplish by law what it has been impossible to bring about by propaganda and persuasion.

The French proposal is not designed entirely for the protection of the French producer of motion pictures. It is suggested that the quota on American films may be the means of bringing producers in the United States within the proposed alliance, and that in consequence foreign films may have a better opportunity for exhibition in the 25,000 American picture houses, more than double the number contained in all France, Germany and England.

The proposed French tariff, the Swiss levy on automobile parts, and the French film embargo are all indications of the effort that other nations are making to break down the domination of American industry and trade. The place which this Nation has achieved in the world markets can not be held without a struggle. American prosperity acts as a magnet. The other nations in the world either wish to share it or prevent any portion of it from being drawn from within their borders.

AIR POWER IN FUTURE WARS.

The "frightfulness" of the war of the future was realistically visioned in a lecture on "Air Power and Its Application," delivered recently in London by Group-Capt. W. F. McNece Foster, who was the British air staff representative at the disarmament conference of the League of Nations. Picturing London as being gassed from the air, Capt. Foster quoted from a distinguished member of the British general staff, one, too, who was not a biased air officer, and who yet wrote some few years ago:

London for several days will be one vast, raving bedlam. What of the government at Westminster? It will be swept by an avalanche of terror. Then will the enemy dictate his terms. Thus may a war be won in 48 hours, and the losses of the winning side may actually be nil.

Capt. Foster gave it as his opinion that no airman of high position would guarantee that, under favorable weather conditions for the enemy immunity could be insured against a great city being flooded with gas, set on fire with incendiary shells, and bombed with high explosives. In such an event, there would be seen the fulfillment of the German general's prediction regarding the war of the future, namely, that it will frequently have "the appearance of destruction en masse of the entire civil population rather than a combat of armed men."

It is true that the geographical situation of Great Britain makes it peculiarly vulnerable to air attack, and that the strategic importance of London as the heart of the British empire would make the destruction of that city especially important and desirable to an enemy. Hence the necessity of defending the capital at all costs. Capt. Foster thought that, in view of that urgency, the navy and the air force are each vital to security, that passive defense by air is at best only a palliative, and that the position of the offensive vis-a-vis the defensive is becoming stronger with the trend of air scientific development. Carry the fight to the enemy and be the first to strike, would appear to be the gist of this reasoning, and it must be conceded that it has much to recommend it.

In all this European air activity there is for the United States of America a salient moral, which may be summarized in the four words: Don't be caught unprepared!

IMPORTS BY AIR.

The first step toward the establishment of an air customs service has been taken by the Treasury Department. Key West is made the first port of entry where customs inspectors will be on hand to examine and classify imports arriving by air.

After a series of conferences between officials of the Pan-American Airways and the Commissioner of Customs, Secretary Mellon reached the conclusion that the time had arrived for recognition of the airship as a medium for the importation of foreign goods subject to customs laws. If the predictions of air companies are borne out, within ten years airplanes will be commonly employed for importation of small articles from the countries of Central America and the islands of the Caribbean Sea, as well as from South America.

It is quite likely that the development of air transportation will result in the establishment of inland ports of entry at landing fields utilized by planes in international business.

HEADQUARTERS OF RED TAPE.

Vice President Dawes has joined those who criticize the failure of the Comptroller General to revise the bookkeeping methods of the Government. Despite the passage of years, says the Vice President, the system in vogue among the Government departments is still decentralized, an evil which business men of large experience will be quick to understand.

The "hesitation" of the present occupant of the office of Comptroller General to make the necessary changes will, in the opinion of Mr. Dawes, be protracted. He sees no hope until a successor to John R. McCarl may be named. Undoubtedly the present Comptroller General is a busy man. He must have devoted much study to the standardization of tips to be given by Government employees, the danger of providing special drinking water for consulates in foreign countries, and the reasons why available funds should not be used in such an emergency as the relief of flood victims in the Mississippi Valley.

There has long been evidence of the fact that the Comptroller General's office is where red tape has its headquarters. The rulings issued from it have almost invariably carried out the best traditions of antiquity, and paid little, if any, attention to the dictates of common sense. Meanwhile, nothing has been done, according to the Vice President, to eradicate the absurdities of the governmental system of bookkeeping. The various departments proceed along their individual paths, each creating distinct, confusing and complicated problems for the Comptroller General and his staff to unravel. A few blows delivered at the very foundation of red tape might eliminate much of it all together, and save the Government millions of dollars. But such heroic action can be performed only by a heroic man.

HENRY J. HALLGREEN.

There were few to remark the death, last week, at Malden, Mass., of Henry J. Hallgreen. It is doubtful if a single reader whose eye falls on this page could tell who he was. Yet he inspired millions, in his day, with veritable frenzy, and his contributions to the struggle between North and South may be said to have kept the war alive until the issue which caused it was dead.

Who, then, was this man? He was the author of a song not yet forgotten, "John Brown's Body Lies A-Mouldering in the Grave." In the far-off days of the Civil War how many thousands of Northern soldiers chanted the grim words of the song as they marched across the Southern countryside or swung into action! How many hearts once responded to the fierce determination expressed in those lines! Indeed, Hallgreen's song so perfectly expressed the attitude of the North that it was the only recruiting literature found necessary for the prosecution of the war.

There have been several occasions in the course of history when the popular mood was, as it were, crystallized in words and music, thus keeping the issue of the day constantly before the public. The Garibaldi hymn and Rouget de Lisle's "Marseillaise" are classic examples. But not even these ever exerted the influence of Hallgreen's song, vulgar and vindictive as it was. Before it Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic," conceived on a far loftier plane, paled into obscurity. Hallgreen's song brought the issue of the war and the abolitionist attitude toward it violently before the public. Set to the irresistible music of the "Battle Hymn," it kept Northern sentiment strictly to the mark during four terrible years. For all its crudities, it was a psychological masterpiece.

As for Hallgreen, he rose to be captain of Massachusetts' "Fighting-Tiger Regiment," served throughout the war and then retired to the bosom of the G. A. R. He lived to the ripe old age of 95.

Dartmouth's president says too many young people go to college; but how else can parents get rid of them?

Give Japan credit for one thing—she thinks of America as a nation, not as Santa Claus or Shylock.

The universal draft will be more fair. Then nobody can be blamed for being a second lieutenant.

Civilization's task in China is to bring order out of chaos.



The Snowball Makes Its Annual Pilgrimage.

—New York Herald Tribune.

PRESS COMMENT.

Beware a Crash.
Toledo Blade: Russians are using eggs for money. Thus are the possibilities for going broke multiplied.

The Lowden Attitude.
Indianapolis Star: Former Gov. Lowden seems to doubt his ability to get out of the way of any speeding presidential band wagon.

Button Riders.
San Francisco Chronicle: You can't call him a good driver until he outgrows the belief that riding the horn button will clear a traffic jam.

Prayer.
Baltimore Evening Sun: Prayer at morning: "Oh, Lord, provide for me a parking place this day not more than ten blocks away from the office!"

Another Lone Eagle.
Boston Transcript: Mr. Borah is dubbed the Lone Eagle by the New York Times. And you can't deny that he has a tireless wing and a fine screech.

One Thing Free.
Kansas City Star: Father is taking a more hopeful view of the approaching Christmas season. He reads in the papers that a comet will be on view during the holidays, free of charge and visible to the naked eye.

Time Is Relative.
Atchison Globe: Einstein was right. Time is relative. If you like your relative, his visit is short. If you don't like him, his visit is long. Another illustration: If you are the tenant, rent day comes around swiftly; if you are the landlord, rent day is slow about coming around.

Pardons.
Louisville Courier Journal: When one considers the number of pardons granted between the date of a State election and the time when the incumbent administration retires, he wonders how States which elect their Governors every two years manage to keep their prisons full.

Showing a Missouriian.
Richmond Times Dispatch: A friend of Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, says the senator with his own consent is being boomed for the Democratic presidential nomination and that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the upper branch of Congress. It appears, then, that you can't even show these people from Missouri anything.

Suiting the Action.
Philadelphia Public Ledger: Manuel Quezon, the Philippine leader now in this country, apparently suits his speeches to his audiences. A short time ago he spoke before a gathering of business men in New York. On that occasion he touched rather lightly on the subject of Philippine independence and seemed willing to relegate the matter to an indefinite future. He knows that any real prospect of immediate independence would keep American capital from the islands. In Philadelphia Quezon addressed the American Academy of Political and Social Science. On this occasion he got back to the old familiar plea for "immediate" independence. He still does not ask that all ties

Letter to a Flapper

—By ROBERT QUILLEN

DEAR YOUNGSTER: Now that you are in your teens—as old, in fact, as your grandmother was when she married—I suppose you will develop an ever-increasing interest in boys.

I want you to have boy friends. I want your boy friends to feel free to call on you when they wish, just as your girl friends do. I won't let you go riding with them yet a while, but I want you to associate with them and learn that they are nothing to get excited about. Girls who have little opportunity to associate with boys usually act silly when chance places them in a boy's company, and girls of this type usually are the ones that disgrace themselves and their parents.

You will find that other girls compete with you for the attention of the more desirable boys, and their methods won't always be above reproach. Girls usually do what they think they must in order to make themselves attractive.

The girl who can't attract men by legitimate methods usually becomes resentfully desperate and employs methods that aren't wholly decent. They can attract men in this way, but they can't hold them. Men tire quickly of a prize too easily won. And however unclean a man may be, in his heart he despises girls that aren't clean.

Fortunately, you have charm enough and beauty and brains enough to attract without cheapening yourself. I mention the matter only to assure you that the successes of girls of this type never last long enough to be regarded as serious competition.

When the right boy appears and you think you love him, tell Dad about it. I won't interfere. I have seen too many lives ruined by the meddling of foolish parents who meant well. I will investigate the youngster, and tell you how he grades—financially, morally and physically, and I will give you my advice if you want it, but I won't interfere further than that.

You needn't elope. Whether your choice pleases me or not, you can count on me to stand by you. And if you make a bad choice, you needn't suffer in silence for fear I will rub it in and tell you that you deserve punishment because you didn't take my advice.

I'll keep on being your dad, even though you desert me for another man; and no matter what happens or what you may do, I'll always provide a shoulder for you to cry on.

OLD DAD.

You can guess at a man's opinions about nearly everything else if you can get his idea about bedtime.

You can always tell a Yankee in the South. He's the one who beams when some boy calls him "Colonel."

If only Congressmen would keep their noses on the grindstone instead of their axes.

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be severed. He reiterates his proposal for an "arrangement." But the point is that, when not talking specifically to men with money to invest in the Philippines, he emphasized the word "immediate." Before an audience of business men he soft-pedaled it.

As to Husbands.
Brooklyn Eagle: A court up in Bath decides that if a woman wants to bequeath \$15,000 for the care of her pet cat the widower has nothing to complain of. It's no evidence of insanity to prefer some cats to some husbands. Men made the laws under which such decisions are possible before ever woman's suffrage was invented. They are still paying the penalty of their gallantry.

An Outsider Speaks.
Baltimore Sun: Washingtonians need not be excited by the appraisal which puts a value of \$22,000,000 on the White House and its grounds. This valuable property rendering no taxes to the District of Columbia, is bordered by holdings which enjoy no such immunity, but the inequality is only

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Questions for Sam Fordyce

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: In The Washington Post of December 21, Mr. Samuel W. Fordyce "in a formal statement" propounded certain questions to "partisan Democrats and independent voters who believe in the fundamental principles on which the Democratic party was founded." His questions were these:

"What other Democrat (besides Reed) can surely carry Missouri, as well as the solid South, in 1928? Do you realize that Roosevelt, Harding and Coolidge all carried Missouri?"

"What other Democrat (besides Reed) has as good chance to carry the 'doubtful' States of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma and Kansas?"

I am one of those who believe in the fundamental principles on which the Democratic party was founded. I am still deeply attached to those principles, though not to every candidate and politician who invokes them.

Will Mr. Fordyce consent to respond to certain inquiries which he will be bound to satisfy later whether the experience be pleasant or otherwise?

I reply to his interrogations with the following of my own:

What was in the mind of Mr. Fordyce when he implied in his question that Mr. Reed "can surely carry the solid South" and Gov. Smith (for example) can not carry?

Will Mr. Fordyce please interpret Mr. Fordyce?

J. W. M'BRIDE.

THESE CHINESE.

Darned clever, these Chinese! The waiting world has just learned that more than 4,000 tons of broken glass are imported annually into China, with about 75 per cent of the supply coming from the United States, observes the Detroit Free Press. It is said that glass

factories, of which there are twenty or more in Hongkong and Canton, reclaim the broken glass and manufacture from it bottles, lamp chimneys, lamp shades, plates, dishes, beads and other glass articles. Broken white bottle glass is preferred in the coast glass factories, though those in the interior ask for the scraps of green bottle glass. In Canton alone more than 100 tons a month are bought from the importers, not to mention the broken glass sold by hawkers. All of which only goes to prove that salvage is a strange and wonderful business, wherein almost everything that we toss away is worthless, can become raw material to some one else. In this matter of broken glass scraps, perhaps the trinket you will buy in an "Oriental Store" next year will be ornamented with beads made from the glass tumbler you broke three or four years ago. Something to think about, anyway.

Discretion.

San Francisco Chronicle: Discretion is learned in the school of experience. You just act the fool and let the neighbors do the rest.

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LINDBERGH ENJOYS FULL DAY OF QUIET IN CITY OF MEXICO

Wishes of Aviator and His Mother Are Respected at U. S. Embassy.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IS ENTIRELY INFORMAL

Flier Runs Over the Central American Maps; Will Try Detroit Plane.

Mexico City, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Santa Claus brought Col. Charles A. Lindbergh what he wanted for Christmas—a quiet day.

The flier probably has known few quieter days than his Christmas in Mexico since he became a world hero. In accordance with his own wishes and those of his mother no formalities or entertainments were arranged, and the young man passed a large part of the day wandering about the American Embassy, picking up books only to put them down again.

The mother and son were left to themselves as much as possible over the holiday. They had Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas Day luncheon at the embassy with only members of Ambassador Morrow's family at the table. At the regular Christmas dinner tonight, which was entirely informal, there were in addition some members of the embassy staff and their wives.

Runs Over Maps.

During the day the flier read a little, looked over his personal correspondence and, and again over Central American maps in anticipation of his next flight. He talked alone with his mother some and sat for a while in the embassy drawing room chatting with the Morrow family and a few close friends who called in the afternoon. The day was precisely what Lindbergh had wished for—one of complete tranquility and rest.

There was some talk of the flier going to Valbuena Field in the afternoon to fly the airplane in which his plane came from Detroit but he decided it would be an imposition upon the mechanics to ask them to come out on Christmas Day and prepare the machine for flight, so he abandoned the idea.

It was tempting weather for any flier. The air was clear, the sky blue, the sun shining. There is no need for an overcoat in the Mexican capital at this season except in the early morning and at night. The doors and windows of the embassy residence were wide open all day long, and the Morrows and Lindberghs passed part of their time sitting on an open veranda.

Will Fly Detroit Plane.

The aviator intends to fly the plane from Detroit several times tomorrow morning, taking up as passengers Mrs. Morrow and wives of embassy staff members, and perhaps some of the staff members themselves. Mexican government officials, and newspaper men. Tomorrow afternoon will be devoted to the ambassador's reception for American colony members to Mrs. Lindbergh and her son.

Lindbergh will pass part of tomorrow and practically all of Tuesday in preparing the Spirit of St. Louis for his Central American tour. His present plan is to hop off for Guatemala City early Wednesday.

Mrs. Lindbergh may not see her son take off for Guatemala. She said today she was still undecided whether to remain for her first sight of him taking off on one of his international jaunts or to start her own homeward flight Tuesday.

De Jean to Be Ambassador.
Paris, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—It was confirmed in official circles today that M. de Jean, undersecretary for American affairs at the French Foreign Office, will be named French Ambassador to Brazil on January 1.

Widow of Wagner Passes Yule in Bed

Bayreuth, Germany, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Cosima Wagner, widow of the great composer, Richard Wagner, passed Christmas, her ninety-first birthday, in bed at her home among her nearest relatives and with no official celebration because of her feebleness. Congratulations were showered on her from all over the world by Wagner enthusiasts, many of them in the United States. Among those who sent greetings were the former Kaiser of Germany, the former crown prince and the former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Dial Literary Award Goes to Ezra Pound

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The Dial award of \$2,000 for distinguished service to American letters has been given this year to Ezra Pound. It was announced today.

Mr. Pound, a native of Idaho, was foreign correspondent of Poetry from 1909 to 1912, and London editor of the Little Review from 1909 to 1917. He has translated poetry from the French, Italian, Provencal, modern French, Latin and Chinese, and plays from Japanese.

EMBARGO ON AIRPLANES TO MEXICO SEEN AT END

Secretary Kellogg Expected to Lift Ban Shortly in "Good-Will" Spirit.

IS WAITING ON MORROW

Restrictions now prevailing against the shipment of aircraft to Mexico seem certain to be removed shortly as a step to be taken by this Government to mark the improved relations between the two governments. The good-will flight of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the effective services already rendered by American Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow in the Mexican capital are the reasons for the Government's decision to lift the ban.

Secretary Kellogg late last week was urged by Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, representative member of the House from Massachusetts, to lift the embargo. Mrs. Rogers pointed out that the presence of Col. Lindbergh and his mother in Mexico City, as disciples of good will between the Mexican and American governments, provided the psychological moment.

She emphasized the point that all restrictions against the ultimate establishment of air mail lines linking the United States with Central and South America should be removed. She also said that American airplane manufacturers were losing business from Mexico which is now going to foreign aircraft makers. So impressed was Secretary Kellogg with the representations made by Mrs. Rogers that he communicated with American Ambassador Morrow on the subject.

As a consequence, Kellogg is expected shortly to formally announce the shipment of commercial aircraft and equipment to Mexico under export licenses.

Airplane shipments to Mexico have been banned under the general embargo against the shipment of "arms and munitions of war" to that country which was put into effect on January 7, 1924.

The banning of aircraft under the classification of "arms" was made by a proclamation of President Coolidge, under authority of Congress approved January 31, 1922, which gave the executive the power to control shipment of war supplies to any country on the Western Hemisphere.

Representative Clyde Kelly (Republican), of Pennsylvania, has introduced in the House a bill prepared by the Postoffice Department to extend the air mail southward.

The act provides that contracts for transport of foreign mail by air route may be made by the Postmaster General. It is known that contractors are ready to bid on routes to Mexico City and other Latin-American cities if Congress passes the bill authorizing the routes. Hearings on the Kelly bill will be held early in January.

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CAPITAL SOCIETY EVENTS

The British Ambassador and Lady Isabella Howard entertained at dinner last evening when their guests were the members of the Embassy staff.

The Ambassador of Argentina, Mr. Honorio Pueyrredon, and his daughter, Miss Angelica Pueyrredon, will go to New York Sunday to meet Mrs. Pueyrredon and Miss Julia Pueyrredon who are expected to arrive next Monday from their home in Argentina.

The Ambassador of Italy and Nobil Donna Antonietta de Martino entertained at dinner last night at the embassy for the members of the staff and their wives. Also among their guests were Princess Margaret Boncompagni and Consul General Grazioli of New York.

The Ambassador of Spain and Senora de Padilla received the members of the staff of the embassy and their wives yesterday afternoon.

The Ambassador of France and Mme. Claudel entertained at a dance at the embassy last evening for their daughters, Mlle. Marie Claudel and Mlle. Reine Claudel.

The Minister of Hungary and Countess Szechenyi will entertain at a party Saturday night.

The Minister of Colombia and Senora de Olaya will entertain at dinner tonight at the legation. Among the guests will be the members of the staff and their wives and a few Colombians residing in the District.

The Minister of Panama and Senora de Alfaro have as their guest for the holidays the former's niece, Senorita Abigail Alfaro.

The Minister of Poland and Mme. Ciechanowska have as their guest for Christmas M. Paul Kochanski and Mme. Kochanska.

The Minister of Norway and Mme. Bachke entertained at dinner last evening for the members of the legation.

The newly appointed Minister of Guatemala, Mr. Adrian Recinos, will arrive in New Orleans today and will come to Washington on Wednesday.

Senator and Mrs. J. H. Caraway have with them their son, Cadet Paul W. Caraway, and also Cadet John M. Cutler, Cadet Arthur E. Noble and Cadet Robert J. Fleming, all of West Point.

Representative and Mrs. Ewin L. Davis of Tennessee, who are staying at Congress Hall, have as their guest through the holidays, their daughter, Miss Carolyn Davis.

Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, representative from California, entertained at breakfast at the Col. Dodge Hotel on Saturday morning.

The Charge d'Affaires of Germany and Frau Kiep entertained the Embassy staff at dinner last evening at Wardman Park Hotel, after which they went to New York where they will remain a week.

Col. Henry May has as his guests his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Black, of New York, and Mrs. Henry May, Jr.

Judge John Barton Payne is at Pinehurst, N. C., for the holidays.

Mrs. Proctor Dougherty will have as her guest the first of the month, Mrs. William Ladue, wife of the Engineer Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Legare will be hosts at a dinner at the Alibi Club tonight for the Christmas ball at the Mayflower Hotel for the benefit of the Children's Country Home.

Baroness Maltzan, widow of the former Ambassador of Germany, will go to New York in a few days and will sail Thursday for the New York for her home in Germany.

Dinner Guest of Leiters.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiters will have a small dinner tonight at their house on Dupont circle, later taking their guests, among whom are Lieut. Mason Wright and their son, Mr. Tommy Leiters, to the Christmas ball at the Mayflower Hotel.

Mrs. Price Whitaker and her daughter, Miss Katharine Whitaker, are at the Plaza in New York for the holidays. Mrs. Clarence Chapman will give a reception at her home tomorrow afternoon for Mrs. Whitaker whose engagement to her nephew, Mr. Elisha Dyer was recently announced.

Col. and Mrs. Charles Annesley Romeyn have arrived from Boston and will pass the holidays with Miss Nina Romeyn at her home on New Hampshire avenue.

Col. and Mrs. C. R. Darnall will have with them during the Christmas holidays their two sons, Mr. William Darnall, who is in business in Chicago, Ill.

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1927 BUSINESS DAY BY DAY

BUSINESSMEN FIND IN MOST OF EUROPE

Slow but Always Upward Trend Is Reported by Many Countries.

RUSSIA ONLY UNCERTAIN FACTOR, IT IS ASSERTED

War Rumors in Balkans Faint; Much Money Available; Exports Increase.

London, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—In checking up profits and losses as the year 1927 flickers away, the average European business man finds the year has been a good one.

Reports of a slow, but always upward trend in economic life come from France, Germany, Italy and other continental countries, while Great Britain reports a similar situation, leaving Soviet Russia the one great economic uncertainty of Europe. Nobody doubts the Soviet Government's political control over the country, but the opinion of many experts is that the future of Russia depends on the government's success in attracting foreign capital. Without which a new crisis is foreseen. During 1927 the war scares in the Balkans and Baltic affected conditions in the smaller countries, but the war rumors were doomed to disappointment. Of course, Mr. Average European has not yet paid all the bills for his fun or folly of 1914-18, and until the great war has been paid for by the "hard times" is going to continue to be heard.

French Are Complaining.

As the year closes the French business world is complaining as loudly as any in Europe, yet the French foreign trade balance is favorable. In France there seems to exist an anxiety or bad conditions locally and improved conditions generally. Few experts try to explain this, but among the suggestions advanced one has been found that says significantly "everybody in France works nowadays," and lets it go at that.

The small capitalists who retired before the war are toiling again. In fact, never before in French history have so few citizens lived on incomes as now. The fact that plenty of money is in circulation despite the high bank rate is explained by invisible exports—money sent in France by members of the American Legion this past summer and a small army of other tourists from the United States and elsewhere.

British trade returns for November better any month's figures reported in the past three years. The total value of exports was more than £70,000,000, nearly £17,000,000 better than last year, which is a most gratifying gain. But still seldom bubbles with enthusiasm, but the fact that leaders of industry and finance are cheerful despite the depression existing in such basic industries as coal, iron and steel and spinning, and with a million and a half unemployed workers, indicates British determination to conquer present day problems.

"Peace in Industry" Drive.

The new year begins with the inauguration of a "peace in industry" campaign, which may mean much for the country's future.

During 1927 Germany made sure but low economic progress despite her increased liabilities under the Dawes reparations scheme. The general outburst and trade turnover are calculated to be 15 per cent higher than 1926 and commerce and industry, as a whole, have been more favorable than any time since stabilization of the mark. German credit, in the words of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, is "absolutely sound." It is true that the winter months has increased unemployment to 752,000 persons, but this is only half the number that was out of work last year. The Christmas shopping season proved there was no shortage of either buyers or money all over the country. From Vienna comes word that although six months ago Austria seemed doomed in a sudden outburst of bolshevism, which caused industrial leaders to cancel thousands of orders and brought about a general demoralization of business, yet there was a better fate in store and representatives of all departments of Austria's economic life are agreed that 1927 was the first year since the fall of the monarchy that tradesmen were able to live on their earnings. The federal treasury proudly displayed a balance in black ink of \$11,500,000 as the year took its place in history.

Fascists and antifascists continue to quarrel over constitutionalism, but Mr. Average Italian Business Man notes efficiency and prosperity as the result of Mussolini's regime.

1927 Greatest Year For Toronto Exchange

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Transactions which in the first 11 months of 1927 exceeded by approximately 100 per cent the entire business done in 1926 have made this the greatest year in the history of the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange.

A total of 279,365,669 shares, with an aggregate value of \$263,613,645, changed hands. Sales of stocks classed as "unlisted" in the Standard Exchange were \$1,000,000, the largest total to December 1 close to the 300,000,000 share mark.

WALL STREET BRIEFS

New York, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—All activities in the financial district will be suspended tomorrow for the Christmas holiday. The New York Stock Exchange, Curb Market, Cotton Market and all other securities and commodities markets, also the banks will be closed.

Earnings of the Stanley Co. of America which has increased its control of theaters three-fold in the last year, will exceed dividend requirements of \$4 a share for 1927 by a large margin, the company's treasurer has informed the directors. Increased earnings were forecast for the first quarter of 1928, the most productive period of the theatrical year.

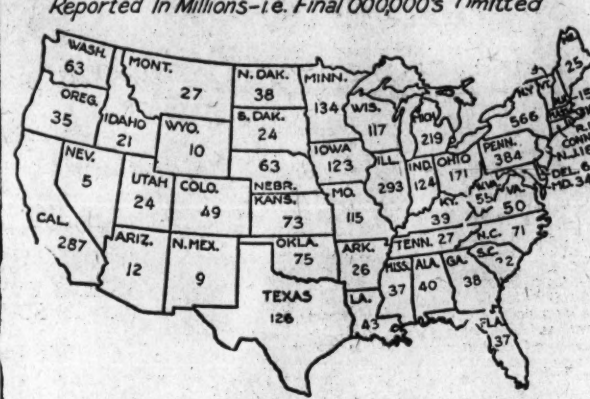
L. H. Gilmor Co., textile manufacturers of Shreveport, La., is making preparations for the erection of an additional plant which will increase capacity from 5,000 to 10,000 spindles. Forty extra looms are contemplated, making a total of 148 at the mill.

The American Agricultural Chemical Co. will retire \$6,000,000 of its 7 per cent bonds at 105 on February 1. Payment, it is said, will be out of the sale of the Charlotte Harbor and Northern Railway to the Seaboard Airline for about \$5,000,000. The Seaboard now has the road under lease until March 1. The balance needed for retirement of the bonds will be taken from the company's treasury which had \$4,740,000 on June 30 and which probably has been increased since then by collections.

Business Day by Day

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY IN U.S. APPRAISED AT \$4,252,000,000

Value Of Public School Buildings In Each State Reported In Millions—i.e. Final 000,000's Omitted



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Property employed by public schools in the United States is appraised at \$4,252,000,000 in an announcement made by the United States Bureau of Education. This total includes sites and buildings as well as furniture and other equipment.

The Education Bureau has just completed its newest biennial study of the school systems of all States. The research was performed under the direction of Frank M. Phillips, chief of the division of research.

An investment of approximately \$173 per student enrolled is shown by the data, according to Chief Phillips.

New York State has the largest property value at \$866,000,000, or 20.4 per cent of the total. It is shown by the official data that the State of New York has a total of \$866,000,000 and Illinois is third with \$293,000,000. California ranks fourth and Michigan fifth.

Since new buildings are being erected every year in every State as the school enrollment grows, the data of the Education Bureau may not coincide with the appraisals by local school authorities.

GRANTING OF BIG CREDIT BOOSTS ITALIAN BONDS IN WEEK'S CURB TRADING

Heavy New Offerings Also Are Feature of the Week's Dealings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—Overhauling every other development in the bond market last week was the granting of \$125,000,000 credits to the Banca d'Italia, stabilization of Italian currency on a gold basis of 19 lire to the dollar, and a wave of buying of Italian securities in the open markets.

Of the credit to the Italian bank which was in connection with the stabilization of the lira, about \$55,000,000 was guaranteed in this country. A direct loan of \$25,000,000 was extended by J. P. Morgan & Co. and banks of the Federal Reserve System agreed to purchase up to \$30,000,000 of prime commercial bills. The balance was guaranteed by private and central banks of European countries.

The participation by the Federal Reserve Banks, while not a direct gold credit, effects the same result, inasmuch as the commercial bills can be put for gold in the New York market. While Federal Reserve Banks do not participate in direct gold credits, they frequently have participated in stabilization loans through the purchase of commercial bills, in what is described as a "market transaction."

Italian bonds of all descriptions responded to the stabilization of the lira by advancing sharply in price, in some instances reaching new high levels. The government obligations were particularly heavy demand, changing hands in huge amounts at improving prices.

As a secondary feature of the week new bond offerings again crossed the \$200,000,000 mark, with public utility issues once more supplying the bulk. Outside that classification, however, was a \$31,000,000 issue for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, floated as a part of the road's extensive re-funding program.

The largest of the public utility offerings was that of \$40,000,000 for the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. This was augmented by several lesser issues, most of which offering bankers reported promptly taken by dealers.

Aside from the Italian credit, the principal foreign transaction was the offering and prompt oversubscription of the \$50,000,000 Peruvian National loan.

The total of new offerings for the week was approximately \$253,000,000. This the fourth largest aggregate, this compared with about \$164,000,000 issued in the preceding week and around \$74,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

The heavy volume of offerings practically cleared up those which were in the immediate offing, although it is estimated likely that some others may be rushed through for marketing in the holiday week in order to get them under the wire before the end of the year.

Activity in the listed market was principally concentrated in a few convertible issues which reflect the fluctuations of related stocks. Copper and rubber shares, and one or two railway convertibles figured prominently in this movement. Bonds of a strictly investment nature were more quiet, as state attributed in some quarters to expectations of a hardening in the money market around, or shortly after, the New Year.

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BUSINESS ASSUMES BETTER TONE WITH NEW YEAR'S COMING

Steel Sets the Industrial Pace With Broadened General Buying.

AUTO TRADE REVEALS SIGNS OF QUICKENING

Aviation Again Asserts Right to Recognition as Commercial Factor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—American business last week assumed a livelier aspect, as if preparing to take off into the new year with renewed vigor. The holiday trading season dominated the commercial situation, as would be expected, but signs of improvement in industry imparted a rather pleasing color to the 1928 prospect.

Steel set the pace, the so-called heavy industries. A good deal of general buying for quarter delivery was reported, partly based on expectations of stiffening prices early next year. Chicago, in particular, felt the stimulus of expanding orders and operations, while there was noticeable increase in some other centers.

Speculative activity in U. S. Steel common stock was particularly noticeable in the closing days of the week, based upon numerous reports circulated in the financial district.

Successor to Gary Chosen.

In banking circles it was clearly indicated that a successor to Elbert H. Gary, as chairman of the board, had been selected and his confirmation was likely at the monthly meeting of directors on Tuesday. In this connection there were few predictions of a more liberal dividend policy and perhaps a large stock distribution early in 1928.

Some other industries reflected the seasonal slackening of operations usual at this time of year. Shutdowns for inventory were fairly common. The automobile trade, which fell to its lowest ebb in November, showed signs of quickening and a sharp increase in employment was reported from motor manufacturing centers.

Gradual expansion of the Ford plants was partially responsible for this improvement. Automobiles for 1928, an expected heavy business year. New models of the low-priced order are understood to be under way and, despite energetic dealers, reports again gained circulation of an impending price war in the automotive world.

Low-priced "Family Airplane."

Aviation again asserted its right to recognition as an industrial and business factor. Keen interest in the more recent models of the biplane, Lindbergh again focused public attention upon the manufacture and operation of aerial equipment, and announcements of low-priced "family plane," production of which was to begin before many months. The Post-office Department reported that the use of the air mail has reached unprecedented proportions during the holiday season.

Cotton goods displayed irregular tendencies. Southern mills stepping up their operations, while New England concerns showed a decline.

More confidence, however, was injected by the resumption of dividends, omitted since 1924, on the common stock of Amoskeag Co. Wholesale trade cotton goods were reported on the up-grade and the price outlook was not unsatisfactory.

Building Activity Low.

Building activities were at a low ebb, usual at this time of year, but prospects were declared good for 1928. The early arrival of cold weather was seriously felt by the coal industry, and the comparatively small shipments of fuel was a large factor in a further sharp decline in freight car loadings.

Although a tightening in the money market was predicted early next year, little change was shown last week, outside the raising of call money rates following heavy withdrawals of funds for use in the Christmas trade. Bank earnings increased about 12 per cent over the totals for the preceding week, and more than 16 per cent over the corresponding week of 1926.

Soviet Trade Head Coming Here on Tour

Moscow, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The general manager of the Amtorg (Russian American trade organization), Joseph Pollakoff, expects to depart next week for an extensive American tour to study the Russo-American trade problem at close range. He told the Associated Press today that he was more hopeful than ever in regard to the trade trade since Soviet Russia's purchases of American machinery more than tripled in 1927.

Santa Plays Stork to Seven.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 25.—Seven Christmas babies were born at Blasing Hospital here in a holiday unit, and the town of less than 50,000 inhabitants.

HOLLYWOOD STARS

Miss Vidor to Play Opposite Emil Jannings—Clara Bow as Illustrator.

Special to The Washington Post.

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 25.—Although all parties concerned had been acquiescent about Florence Vidor's departure from the Laika studio a week or two ago, Santa Claus brought the actress a Christmas present in the form of a new one-year contract and an assignment to play a dramatic role opposite Emil Jannings in "The Patriot."

The turning point in Miss Vidor's recent relations with Paramount came when she was more than halfway through her picture, "Doomsday," just finished with Gary Cooper. The picture, according to Miss Vidor, impresses her as the best dramatic work she ever had a chance to do. It impressed the Laika lot also. In "Doomsday" Miss Vidor wears gray gingham with white yoke, short sleeves and white cuffs while wrestling with such tasks as scrubbing the muddy boots of Cooper, who is her lover, or seemed interested in her. It was away from attempting society life as another man's bride, and finding it hollow.

Larry Grant is Capt. Viner, the society man who couldn't hold Florence as a screen wife. Charles A. Stevenson, 76-year-old actor, plays Florence's father, who is long enough to put up. She wears it in simple rolls over the ears.

Stevenson has been an actor for 53 years. He is now engaged in writing memoirs of his life. He is a former screen actor, who is Florence Vidor's double in "Doomsday," has had two separate starts toward a screen career. Twelve years ago she was the Baby Marie of many child roles. Then Baby Marie's family left Los Angeles and she completed her schooling in Seattle. Last year Baby Marie returned to the pictures as a flapper, only to find that no one knew of her. She was then a flapper, only to find that no one knew of her.

Many know of Clara Bow, the girl whose picture decorates the cover page of publications. But this paragraph serves to remind you that Clara Bow, who draws cover pages for publications, is a Hollywood extra story into a Hollywood novel, whose title translates as "The Land of a Thousand Dreams." Clara drew the covers for Bergendahl's book. Her picture shows blazing stars, toward which a forest of hands are outstretched.

The second California to receive one of the new Ford models was Mary Pickford. Figuratively speaking, she found her in her stocking this morning, sign "Merry Christmas." Doug, Douglas got a lot of fun out of the gift before Mary received it. He picked the color himself. Will Rogers got the first model of the new Ford here, a gift from Henry and Edsel Ford, a few days ago.

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MUCH FOREIGN MATTER

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One reason why the country's greatest mail center could make such a record, Postmaster John J. Kieley said, was that this year the public responded more generally than ever to the plea to "mail early."

The peak in the Christmas work of the New York postoffice usually comes December 23. This year it came December 21. No record is kept of incoming mail distributed, but the canceling machines record the number of pieces of outgoing matter.

On Wednesday, the biggest day of the season, 12,328,000 outgoing letters, Christmas cards and packages were handled. Between December 15 and December 21 the postoffice handled the general postoffice numbered 52,000,000 pieces—nearly four and one-quarter millions more than in the corresponding period last year. The number of pieces handled on December 21 exceeded by a million that of December 21, 1926.

Indications point to receipts of \$75,000,000 for 1927 at the New York postoffice, officials say. Three decades ago the receipts of the entire postal system of the United States were only \$74,000,000.

Besides New York's mail, the office here handles more than three-quarters of all mail passing between the United States and Europe.

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FOR DERBY

From Tee

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The shortest day has come and gone.*

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For then I would not care a sou
Whether the days were long or short.

But most of us, with tasks undone,
Must spend our afternoons in tears
Forgetting that days are long

ALTHOUGH eight weeks or more will elapse before the annual meeting of the Indian Spring club there is already considerable activity manifested among members concerning the election of officers for the

The present president, has served efficiently during the two years he has been in office and will be nominated for reelection, but there are others who are ambitious to succeed him.

The Indian Spring club manages its affairs in thoroughly democratic fashion.

Homer S. Pope won the putting contest last week at the Miller-Walker Golf School, with 40 putts for eighteen holes.

The consequence will be that the attendance will number at least 200 of the more than 300 members of the club and the election will be preceded by considerable friendliness. The club

club because it presents a marked contrast to the methods followed in many other organizations. When the president of a club appoints a nominating committee, with a member of the board as its chairman, several things are certain to

Third, the ticket is a cut-and-dried affair and the voting is purely perfunctory, and, lastly, the annual meeting, which ought to be largely attended and where there ought to be a full and free expression of club sentiment, does not attract more than a handful

Trade Commission, has completely recovered from the effects of a fall on the hillside of the eighth fairway on the Bannockburn course.

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Tank Meet, Smoker

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the country to the other. It is not every day, nor every year, that a hotel property has a national championship played at its very door.

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But most of us, with tasks undone,
Must spend our afternoons in tears
Because a fast-descending sun
With golf enjoyment interferes.
However, let us all take heart!

At last we've crossed the Rubicon!
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is a golf architect in Lapham is president of the California State Golf Association, a member of the executive committee of the United States Golf Association, and more than anyone else was responsible for the selection of a Pacific Coast course for the championship competition.

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FAMED SOLOISTS ON LIST

WRC will begin a thirteen-hour continuous program at 10 o'clock this morning, when a program of English and Gypsy Yuletide songs will be given by a chorus of eight voices and a string orchestra. This will be followed by a variety of soloists and an instrumental trio, an orchestra and a band.

Luncheon music will begin at noon, followed by a dance orchestra, then a variety of soloists and an instrumental trio. "Christmas Moods" is the title of a broadcast at 4 o'clock this afternoon, showing how the holiday is observed at sea, in England, in the tropics, in the city and in the country (old-fashioned) with orchestra and male quartet.

Maria Gamberelli, the "Gambey" of Roxy's Gang, will celebrate the ninth anniversary of her engagement with S. L. Rothel in the program at 7:30 o'clock tonight. For nine years Gamberelli has been dancing before movie audiences in theaters under the direction of Roxy.

In addition to her work as premier danseuse at the Roxy Theater, Gamberelli has also evolved a radio presentation of patter and character songs through which she has become familiar to a vast audience of listeners.

The Gypies will present a light classical and popular program dedicated to the State of New Hampshire at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Another Christmas program, presented by the General Motors family party.

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beginning at 9:30 o'clock tonight, will include specially selected and arranged music by a band and symphony orchestra, with Marie Alcock, the Metropolitan contralto, as the vocal star of the entertainment. It will be broadcast from a network of 27 stations, including WRC.

Miss Alcock has appeared as soloist 50 times with the New York Symphony Orchestra, and two years ago made her debut on the Metropolitan stage as "Beyla" in "L'Amico Fritz," a role which she sang five times in her first season.

This hour has again been divided into three parts. In the first the orchestra will play popular classics and accompany Miss Alcock in two numbers. The second period will be devoted to light musical features by the Marimba Band, and the concluding part will offer the full band playing popular and Christmas music with Miss Alcock again singing two numbers.

"Radio Broadcasting From the Listeners' Point of View" will be the subject of Francis St. Austell, of the Iowa Radio Listeners' League at 10:30 o'clock tonight. The program should prove interesting to every listener.

The Swanee Syncopators will close the broadcast from WRC, playing from 10:45 to 11:15 o'clock.

"The Farewell March," from Joseph Joachim Raff's "Leoneore Symphony," will be heard during the hour of 11 o'clock. There also will be heard "Romance," by Wieniawski, a distinguished Polish violin composer.

RADIO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

NAA—Arlington (435)
10:05 a. m.—3:45 and 10:05 p. m.—Weather reports.

WMAL—Leese Radio Co. (241 Meters, 1,240 Kilocycles)
6:45 p. m.—"News Flashers."
7 p. m.—"The Simplex Ring of Entertainment."
8 p. m.—"Silver String Revelers."
8:30 p. m.—"Some New Year's Resolutions That Will Help Our Bank Books" by Louis Rothschild.
8:30 p. m.—Dance program by "The Carrolles."
9:30 p. m.—Caleb O'Connor.
9:50 p. m.—Joint recital by Thelma Mills Factor, soprano, and Margaret Cooper Tolson, pianist.
10:15 p. m.—"Latest News Flashers."
WRC—Radio Corp. of America (449 Meters, 640 Kilocycles)
10 a. m.—Ev. ish roundelay, yuletide songs by chorus of eight voices and string orchestra.
11 a. m.—A variety program.
12 noon—Luncheon music.
2 p. m.—Dance music.
3 p. m.—Orchestra and vocal soloist.
4 p. m.—Marimba band with string quartet.
5 p. m.—Christmas moods, showing how yuletide season is observed: 1. At sea; 2. In England; 3. In the tropics; 4. In the city; 5. In the country (old-fashioned)—with orchestra, and male quartet.
6 p. m.—Thirty-piece concert orchestra.
8 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.
8:30 p. m.—Motion Picture Guide.
8:35 p. m.—Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.
9:30 p. m.—Peoples Home Hour.
9:30 p. m.—Roxy and His Gang.
9:30 p. m.—Correct time.
9:30 p. m.—A. & P. Gypies.
9:30 p. m.—General Motors Family Party.
10:30 p. m.—U. S. Weather Forecast.
10:30 p. m.—Radio Broadcasting from the Listeners' Point of View, by Francis St. Austell, president of the Iowa Radio Listeners' League.
10:45-11:15 p. m.—Swanee Syncopators.
WHRR—American Broadcasting Co. (323 Meters, 890 Kilocycles)
11 a. m. to 12 noon—Variety program.
5:30 p. m.—Children's half hour.
6 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Musical program.
WEAF—New York (492 Meters, 610 Kilocycles)
8 p. m.—Half hour with Great Com. powers.
8:30 p. m.—Gypies.
8:30 p. m.—General Motors Family Party.
10:30 p. m.—Moon Magic.
11 p. m.—Orchestra.
WVZ—New York (454 Meters, 660 Kilocycles)
7 p. m.—Serenading Showmakers.
7:30 p. m.—Roxy and His Gang.
9 p. m.—Rise and Shine.
10:30 p. m.—Sunshine Boys.
11 p. m.—Slumber Music.

DISTANT STATIONS.

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KFAB—Lincoln	...	6:30-11:30
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WPG—Atlantic City	...	7:00-1:00
WRVA—Richmond	...	7:00-12:00
WSAT—Cincinnati	...	7:00-12:00

Big Reduction Sought In Mexican Budget

Mexico City, Dec. 25 (A.P.).—The finance committee of the chamber of deputies hopes to reduce the budget next year at least \$7,000,000 pesos (\$25,000,000) below the 1927 budget, and may be able to reduce it as much as \$8,000,000 pesos.

The 1927 budget was \$37,000,000 pesos.

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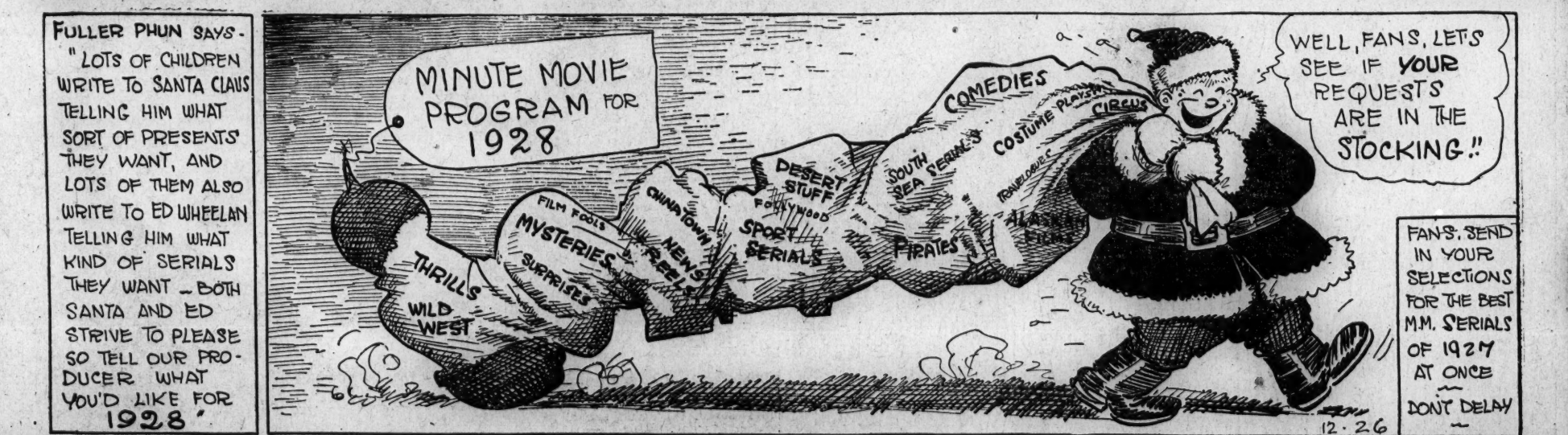
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HOW TO KEEP WELL

By DR. W. A. EVANS

To the limit of space, questions pertaining to the prevention of disease will be answered in this column. Personal replies will be made to inquiries under proper limitations, when return stamped envelope is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual disease.

THE RISE AND FALL OF DISEASE IN ILLINOIS

IN ORDER to appreciate how fortunate we are, it is sometimes necessary to get on a high place and look back over the road we have traveled. At other times some one will do this for us, telling us what they see. This Dr. I. D. Rawlings, the health director of Illinois, has done for the people of his State. What he tells is true along general lines of all parts of the country. When Illinois became a State in 1818 many kinds of infection had already been brought in. The Indian, prior to the coming of the white man, died and the tribes were not increasing in number—but this was because of disease. His birth rate was low, for one thing, and war and hunger exacted heavy toll for another. The white man brought malaria, typhoid, and consumption with him. Conditions were right for the increase of these diseases. In consequence the settlers suffered poor health. The poor, malarial, jaundiced, fever ridden people had a hard time maintaining themselves. They did not know what to do individually, and collective action was something unknown. Nothing saved them but the high birth rate. Chicago was a marsh infested by mosquitoes and leeches, and made almost impossible by malaria.

The inauguration of a State government in 1818 provided the people with a sheriff and courts to keep the peace, fix titles to property and to give security, but so far as health was concerned, the change meant exactly zero. The gradual clearing up of the country, drainage of the land, and increase of population made public health better in some ways, but worse in others. In the main, however, there was a slow, gradual, upward trend.

In 1877 the legislature provided a State health department. A few years earlier local communities had organized local departments of health. At first these departments were not very active. The State department fell heir to an epidemic of yellow fever. This succeeded in holding very much localized. Gradually the department found itself. As Dr. Rawlings looked back over the road the people had traveled he found that disease began definitely showing evidence of being controlled about this time. Some diseases were on the wane prior to 1877. Some are not yet in leash. But, averaging them and viewing the situation in the broad it is proper to say that the year 1877 marked the beginning of a new epoch. Continuing progress is apparent. A comparison of 1925 with 1895 shows improvement that is almost unbelievable. All of this is told in detail emphatically and conclusively in "The Rise and Fall of Disease in Illinois," issued by the State in commemoration of the centennial of the State health department.

NEEDS MORE EXERCISE

D. E. N. writes: I was thinking about taking up swimming during the

winter months, but I do not know whether it would do me any good as I am 16 years old and 5 feet 7 inches and weigh only 102 pounds.

I do not take any other exercise except a little walking, and I am sitting down all day.

2. How much should I weigh?

3. I eat plenty of food, and I am not fast eater. What sort of food in particular would you suggest?

4. I am inclined to be constipated. Is it bran would it help?

5. Take up swimming and other exercises as well.

6. About 134 pounds.

7. Eat plain, simple food such as meat, milk, bread, vegetables and fruit.

8. Eat a bowl of milk and sugar rice each night at 8. Go to bed at 9 and sleep until 6. Learn not to worry, flit, fuss or fume.

9. Yes, provided you also eat plenty of sour milk, vegetables and fruit, and drink lots of water.

10. NOW THAT'S SETTLED.

E. F. W. writes: We have had a little dispute over what was the nature of Calvin Coolidge, Jr.'s death.

"A" says septic scratch in the leg.

"B" says pneumonia poisoning.

REPLY:

"A" is right.

ENLARGED LYMPH GLANDS.

L. H. B. writes: Does a woman ever have a small bunch in her armpit that is not a cancer?

REPLY:

"A small bunch" I presume you mean enlarged lymph glands. Cancer is only one of several causes of enlarged lymph glands.

REPLY:

AS IT GOES.

Mary wed a rich man's son.

Kitty wed a healthy.

Strapping, happy hearted one.

Who was not so wealthy.

Mary's husband isn't bad.

Foul or sunny weather.

All the joys and woes they've had.

They have shared together.

Kitty's husband is a kind.

Brave and good provider.

Where is Kitty, you will find.

He is close beside her.

Sometimes Mary wishes though.

Spite of all her money.

That her Jim, like Kitty's Joe.

Had a nature sunny.

"Happy with him? Yes," says she.

"But it seems a pity.

Sometimes that we can not be.

More like Joe and Kitty."

Kitty loves her handsome Joe.

Brave and true and healthy.

But she sometimes wants to know.

Why he can't be wealthy.

Here's the burden of her plea:

"Life is so contrary.

Why is it we can not be.

Rich, like Jim and Mary?"

Girls, now plainly be it said.

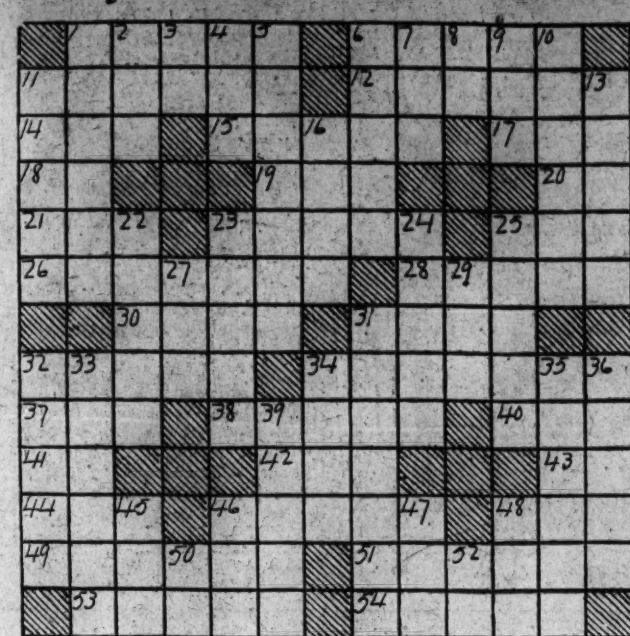
When you're done with kissing.

Rich or poor, the man you wed.

Something will be missing.

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Daily Cross-Word Puzzle



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